

## Law Enforcement at a Glance

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Forensics Laboratory scientist



Special Agent at work

**Budget (\$000)**

Fiscal Year	Operations	Equipment Replacement	Total
2007	\$56,207	\$1,092	\$57,299
2008	\$58,663	\$977	\$59,640
2009	\$61,690	\$977	\$62,667
2010	\$64,801	\$977	\$65,778
2011	\$62,061	\$869	\$62,930
2012	\$61,168	\$975	\$62,143
2013 <sup>a</sup>	\$56,932	\$910	\$57,842
2014	\$63,365	\$910	\$64,275
2015	\$65,827	\$910	\$66,737

<sup>a</sup>FY 2013 Sequestered Level

**Agent Staffing (as of October 1 of each fiscal year)**

Fiscal Year	# SA's on Board	Hired during FY	Left during FY
2007	202	10	13
2008	199	19	17
2009	201	10	16
2010	195	18	11
2011	202	25	8
2012	219	10	7
2013	222	0	9
2014	213	2	13
2015 <sup>b</sup>	202	4	≥7

<sup>b</sup>Projected

**Strategic Plan**

Our mission is to protect plant and wildlife resources. Through the effective enforcement of Federal conservation laws, we contribute to FWS efforts to manage wildlife populations and respond to climate change. We help recover endangered species, conserve migratory birds, preserve wildlife habitat, safeguard fisheries, combat invasive species, and promote international wildlife conservation.

We focus on potentially devastating threats to wildlife and plant resources – illegal trade, unlawful commercial exploitation, injurious species, habitat destruction and degradation, environmental contaminants, and industrial hazards. We investigate wildlife crimes; regulate wildlife trade; help Americans understand and comply with Federal conservation laws; and work in partnership with Federal, State, Tribal, and international counterparts to conserve wildlife and plant resources.

**Goals:**

- Prevent the unlawful import/export and interstate commerce of foreign fish, wildlife, and plants and injurious species
- Protect the Nation's fish, wildlife, and plants from unlawful exploitation, industrial hazards, and habitat loss
- Facilitate the expeditious movement of legal wildlife
- Manage Office of Law Enforcement resources to ensure program performance, efficiency, and effectiveness



Wildlife Inspector with canine partner



FWS-led training in Botswana

**Inspector Staffing (as of October 1 of each fiscal year)**

FY	# WI's	FY	# WI's	FY	# WI's
2007	112	2010	116	2013	140
2008	112	2011	124	2014	130
2009	117	2012	143	2015	123

**Designated Ports of Entry**

Anchorage, AK	Atlanta, GA	Baltimore, MD
Boston, MA	Chicago, IL	Dallas/Ft Worth, TX
Honolulu, HI	Houston, TX	Los Angeles, CA
Louisville, KY	Memphis, TN	Miami, FL
New Orleans, LA	New York, NY	Newark, NJ
Portland, OR	San Francisco, CA	Seattle, WA

**Non-Designated Ports of Entry**

Agana, GU	Blaine, WA	Brownsville, TX
Buffalo, NY	Calais, ME	Champlain, NY
Denver, CO	Detroit, MI	Dulles, VA
Dunseith, ND	El Paso, TX	Guaynabo, PR
Laredo, TX	Nogales, AZ	Pembina, ND
Port Huron, MI	San Diego, CA	St. Paul, MN
Sweetgrass, MT	Tampa, FL	



Educational display at Repository



Ivory Crush – June 2015

### Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agents

- Break up international and domestic wildlife trafficking rings that target protected animals and plants here and around the world
- Protect wildlife from environmental contaminants/industrial hazards
- Safeguard habitat for threatened and endangered species and support landscape conservation
- Enforce Federal migratory game bird hunting regulations and work with States to protect other game species and preserve legitimate hunting opportunities
- Work with other Federal, State, and Tribal law enforcement officers to safeguard U.S. species and their habitats and with international counterparts to combat global wildlife trafficking
- Train Federal, State, Tribal, and foreign law enforcement officers
- Conduct outreach to industry, trade groups, and others to promote wildlife conservation and secure voluntary compliance with wildlife laws
- Engage Americans as conservation partners by connecting people with nature

### Investigative Caseload (by fiscal year)

Act Description	2013	2014	2015
African Elephant Conservation Act	51	58	37
Airborne Hunting Act	5	5	5
Archeological Resources	6	3	5
Conspiracy	66	67	53
Eagle Protection Act	269	229	187
Endangered Species Act	7,281	6,403	5,498
False Statements	29	25	18
Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act	17	16	16
Hunting on Indian Lands	6	3	2
Lacey Act	2,222	1,946	1,708
Marine Mammal Protection Act	215	247	180
Migratory Bird/Stamp Act	61	27	19
Migratory Bird Treaty Act	922	664	503
National Wildlife Refuge	15	11	5
Obstruction of Justice	7	10	8
Other Federal/Foreign Laws	118	115	93
Permit/License	11	4	1
Rhino Tiger Act	31	39	31
Smuggling	95	90	74
State Law	188	142	104
Wild Bird Conservation Act	57	53	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,672</b>	<b>10,157</b>	<b>8,578</b>

### Annual Penalty Statistics (by fiscal year)

Category	2013	2014	2015
Fines ( millions of dollars)	\$20.4	\$10.1	\$8.8
Prison (years)	47.5	112.0	108.6
Probation (years)	497.0	382.9	371.9
Civil Penalties (millions of dollars)	\$3.0	\$3.0	\$1.6



Wildlife Inspector with seized coral



Service's Forensics Lab in Oregon

### Inspection Workload

During FY 2014, Service inspectors processed over 185,000 declared shipments of wildlife and wildlife products worth more than \$4.9 billion. The Nation's busiest ports of entry for wildlife trade that year are shown below:

Port of Entry	# of Shipments
New York, New York	31,337
Los Angeles, California	26,597
Newark, New Jersey	16,956
Memphis, Tennessee	12,048
Louisville, Kentucky	11,992
Miami, Florida	11,886
Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas	8,525
Chicago, Illinois	7,967
San Francisco, California	5,883
Honolulu, Hawaii	4,398

During FY 2015 (as of July 1, 2015), more than 137,000 wildlife shipments worth \$6.9 billion have been processed by Service inspectors.

### Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife Inspectors

- Are stationed at major international airports, ocean ports, and border crossings
- Serve as the Nation's front-line defense against illegal international trade in wildlife and wildlife products
- Inspect wildlife shipments to ensure compliance with laws and treaties and detect illegal trade
- Prevent the introduction and interstate spread of injurious wildlife
- Work closely with counterparts from Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to maintain import/export controls and interdict smuggled wildlife
- Work the passenger terminals at airports and conduct inspections at international mail facilities

### Forensics Laboratory Scientists

- Identify the species or subspecies of pieces, parts, or products of an animal
- Determine the cause of death of an animal
- Help wildlife officers determine if a violation of law has occurred
- Identify and compare physical evidence in an attempt to link suspect, victim, and crime scene
- Work at the only lab in the world dedicated to crimes against wildlife

### National Eagle and Wildlife Property Repositories

- Provide a central location for the receipt, storage, and distribution of bald and golden eagles that are found dead, and their parts
- Ship eagles and parts to enrolled Native Americans for use in religious and cultural ceremonies
- Receive wildlife items that have been forfeited or abandoned
- Donate wildlife items for scientific or educational purposes